THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) The number of monuments declared as of national importance in Andhra Pradesh and other southern States is as under:

| State/UT | Number of monuments/Site |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 136 |
| Karnataka | 506 |
| Kerala | 26 |
| Pondicherry | 7 |
| Tamil Nadu | 416 |

(b) Basic amenities e.g. drinking water, cultural notice boards, protection notice boards, pathways leading to the monument and ramps for physically handicapped have been provided at important centrally protected monuments in southern States.

(c) The conservation, preservation, day-to-day maintenance, environmental development and creating tourist related amenities in centrally protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India are continuously carried out as per archaeological norms.

**Establishment of Science Cities**

2299. SHRI K. B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Science Cities which have been established in the country;

(b) the places where they are established;

(c) the amount released by Government to these Science Cities so far;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish a Science City in Bangalore; and

(e) if so, what is the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Science City, Kolkata set up by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has been in operation since 1997. Two more Science

(Cities, Viz., Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala and Science City, (Gujarat at Ahmedabad are under development with the financial support from the Government of India. The Regional Science Centre at Lucknow js being up-graded to a Regional Science City.

(c) The Government of India fully funded the project of Science City, Kolkata to the tune of Rs. 60.00 crores. To-date, Rs. 38.50 crores have been released to Pushpa Gujaral Science City, Kapurthala. A sum of Rs. 3.00 crores has been released to Gujarat Council of Science City for Science City, Ahmedabad and another Rs. 2.00 crores for the upgradation of Regional Science Centre to Regional Science City, Lucknow.

(d) and (e) Complete details of the project proposal including the commitment of matching funds from the State Government are awaited.

**Conservation of monumental structures in Delhi**

2300. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resotre and conserve 42 monumental structures in Delhi at tombs of Humayun and Nizamuddin in an integrated manner;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether Government propose to focus on the conservation work at Ghalib Ki Mazar and Urs Mahal etc; and

(d) whether the project is proposed to be developed on the lines of India Gate by giving it a fascinating walking area?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) There are 28 (and not 42) centrally protected monuments in the vicinity of Tombs of Humayun and Nizamuddin area in Delhi, out of which 10 monuments including Galib Ki Mazar and Urs Mahal have been taken up for comprehensive conservation and overall development. The remaining would be taken up in the second phase.

(c) The conservation works on these sites/monuments have been completed.